

lor; Dr. De Lukacs, minister of finance; Herr Hieronimy, minister of commerce; Count Michael Esterhazy, minister of agriculture; Herr Berzervicy, minister of instruction; Dr. Pless, minister of justice; General Mylry, minister of national defense.

In addition to all these labor troubles, it was reported from Chicago on October 29 that fourteen hundred brickmakers have been laid off, being told that there would be no more work for them until late next spring. It is said that the prevalence of strikes and the increased cost of building in Chicago has practically stopped all construction work.

A collision occurred on October 28 off Hakodate, Japan, between two Russian steamers and one sank. Of the 100 passengers and crew on board the ill-fated steamer, only 56 were saved.

It was announced from London on October 29 that Sir Thomas Lipton has definitely withdrawn his offer to present a cup for a trans-Atlantic yacht race in 1904, and has made way for Emperor William, who will present a cup through the New York club or the Atlantic Yacht club.

In a railway wreck that took place on October 28 near Dean Lake, Mo., eighty-five miles east of Kansas City, thirty people were injured, some fatally, and Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, consul in America of the Salvation Army and wife of Commander Booth-Tucker, was killed. Mrs. Booth-Tucker was the second daughter of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, and was well and favorably known all over America.

An Associated press cablegram from St. Petersburg, under date of October 29, says: An official dispatch from Mukden, Manchuria, says: "A detachment of Russian troops entered the town yesterday and reoccupied the guard house. This action was in consequence of the weakness displayed by the Chinese, who do not fulfill their promises, and owing to general ferment prevailing here."

The riots in the city Bilbao, Spain, continue and the garrison, although reinforced, is finding much difficulty in coping with the situation. Famine prices are already being charged for provisions and hundreds of people have fled from the city. In a conflict that took place on October 28 six persons were killed and a hundred injured. It is said that acting under orders from Madrid, the governor of the city has summoned the mine owners to a conference.

An Associated press cablegram from San Juan, P. R., under date of October 30, says: Secretary of State Hay has informed Governor Hunt that he has instructed the United States minister at Madrid, Arthur S. Hardy, to present to the Spanish government a claim for \$40,000 for Porto Rican school pensions, seized by Spain in the San Juan bank after the American occupation of Porto Rico and during the armistice which preceded Spain's final withdrawal from the island.

For the second time within two months, Samuel J. Parks, the New York walking delegate of housewives and bridgemen's union, was convicted of the crime of extortion in the court

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of general sessions in New York city on October 30.

The Red Cross society, through its president, Miss Clara Barton, has decided to take immediate steps to relieve the suffering of the Macedonians. These people have been exposed to many hardships and are in a most deplorable condition.

According to advices recently received from Hayti and Santo Domingo, it is believed that it is the purpose of the revolutionists to attack the capital as soon as possible. The blockade of the port of Puerto Plata has made provisions very dear throughout Santo Domingo and it is feared that if the insurrection is to continue, much suffering may result.

The Bennett Will.

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of. If he could dare for me what he was willing to dare in a campaign, may I not endure for him the epithets and the contempt of the lawyer who is seeking to break the will of a man who earned his money as honestly as any man ever earned money? Go among your business men and find a man, if you will, who could more truthfully say of every dollar that he had "this dollar has no blood upon it."

Starting in life a poor boy, he had worked his way up and by his honesty and by his integrity, by his industry and his knowledge of business, he had made himself a competency. And then when he had made himself that competency, instead of being won away from the people among whom he was born, instead of having his sympathies changed by his prosperity, Philo Bennett was the same common man that he was in the beginning; he was the same friend of all the people, and when he came to examine any question he examined it from the standpoint of the masses. In the letters that have been presented you will find that he makes reference to the "masses" and to the "people."

According to the laws of your own state, he had a right to dispose of that property as he pleased, and if my friend here insists that he did something wrong, let him indict the legislators of his own state; let him condemn the people who make the laws of Connecticut, for under the laws of Connecticut, he had a right to dispose of his property, and they cannot question that right. If he had desired to do so, he might have cut off every relative but his wife; if he had desired to do so, he might have left every dollar of his property to any person he pleased, or to any institution—that was his right. That was his right under the laws of Connecticut, but, instead of doing that, he first made what he believed, and what he said in his letter, was an ample provision for his widow. He estimated \$25,000 in residuary fund, besides \$70,000 in his specific bequest, and he said to her in that letter:

"This will give you a larger income than you can spend while you live, and will enable you to make bountiful provisions for those you desire to remember in your will."

He gave her more than she could claim under the laws of the state of Connecticut as against his disposition of it. He made this provision and then what? Did he exercise his right to cut off his relatives? No. He provided that his sister should have \$20,000, his sister's daughter should have \$1,000, and in the residuary sum he estimated there would be \$12,500 more for the sister, \$32,500 for the sister, enough for her to live on the interest of it, and if she lived upon the interest, it could descend unimpaired to

the next generation, to her child, and that child could live on it, and it could go on. There was left for the sister and her family an income that

was much larger, much larger than Philo Bennett had for his family during the first few years of his life. And the half-brother—I feel like

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